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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Steering Committee

5 March 1958

SUBJECT: Secure Telephone Service for  
New Headquarters Building

1. Following the 4 December meeting of the Steering Committee at which a proposed secure or internal telephone system was discussed, meetings were held with representatives of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, the Office of Security, and the Building Planning Staff. The purpose of these meetings was to investigate the possibility of providing secure telephone service as a part of a single telephone system serving the entire building and if possible at a reduced cost.

2. As a result of these meetings the Director of Security concluded that he could approve the use of a block of lines over which limited classified material could be discussed. This block of lines would be so restricted that it would not be possible to make or receive calls from outside the building or from the unrestricted lines within the building. In short these restricted lines could be used only for calls to and from other restricted lines in the same block. Following this conclusion it became a question of how to use the restricted block of lines to get the best service and how large a block of lines was required. (The term "restricted line" as used below refers only to those lines from a block of lines set aside for use discussing classified matters over the telephone. Some of the lines on the normal system are so restricted as to prevent their use for outside calls, for example, telephones on guards desks.)

3. In considering the method of utilizing a block of restricted lines it should be realized that telephone service in a large installation such as ours consists largely of

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